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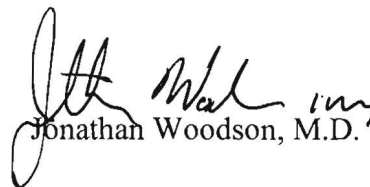
HEALTH AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
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SUBJECT: Immunization Goal for the 2013–2014 Influenza Season

My memorandum, “Guidance for the Use of Influenza Vaccine for the 2013-2014 Influenza Season,” dated June 21, 2013, set a goal to exceed 90 percent immunization of military Service members by December 16, 2013. However, delays in receipt of vaccine and the government shutdown may make it difficult for some organizations to reach this goal. For those organizations, I encourage continued efforts to immunize their personnel against influenza, even if they cannot meet their goal by December 16, 2013. The influenza immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect our Service members from the virus, and it is important we take steps to maximize its use.

My point of contact for this action is Colonel (COL) Scott Stanek. COL Stanek may be reached at (703) 681-8457, or Scott.Stanek@ha.osd.mil.


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